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PATENT APPLICATION
Attorney Docket No. 00689-513

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Whitty *et al.*
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/832,659 EXAMINER: Seharaseyon, J.
FILING DATE: April 11, 2001 ART UNIT: 1647
FOR: INTERFERON-BETA-1a – IMMUNOGLOBULIN FUSION PROTEINS
AND USES (as amended herein)

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

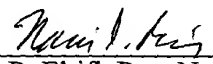
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a one month extension of time to respond to the December 3, 2002 Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before April 3, 2003. A check in the amount of \$110.00 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 00689-513. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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